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1.7.2003 to 30.6.2004	4	Out of the four cases, one accused has been charge-sheeted, one criminal case is pending with the police authorities and the remaining two are under investigation.

(d) Instructions in the matter have been issued by the Government in pursuance of the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in the case of Vishakha *vs.* State of Rajasthan & Otrs. (JT 1997(7) SC 384) which are being followed by Media organisations under the Ministry.

Registration of newspapers

2034. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of names issued by the Registrar of Newspapers of India on an average every month;

(b) whether it is a fact that requests for names come from all parts of the country;

(c) whether Government had given clear cut directions on which names should be issued and which are banned; and

(d) if so, the details of the directions given to the RNI regarding names for newspapers and journals to be issued by the RNI?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) On an average, 975 titles are verified every month by the Registrar of Newspapers for India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per Section 6 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, the title should not be the same as, or similar to, that of any other newspaper published either in the same language or in the same State.